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In the specification:

Please amend the paragraph at page 1, lines 1-3, as follows:

[Related] Related Applications:

~~[Priority is claimed to co-pending application 60/125,349 filed 3/19/99 and to co-pending application 09/503,881 filed February 14, 2000.]~~

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This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application 60/125,349, filed March 19, 1999, and is a continuation in part of U.S. Patent Application 09/503,881, filed February 14, 2000 (Now U.S. Patent No. 6,614,914), which is a continuation in part of application 09/186,962, filed November 5, 1998, which is a continuation of application 08/649,419, filed May 16, 1996 (Now US Patent 5,862,260). Application No. 08/649,419 is a continuation in part of PCT/US96/06618, filed May 7, 1996, U.S. Application No. 08/637,531, filed April 25, 1996 (Now U.S. Patent No. 5,822,436), U.S. Application No. 08/534,005, filed September 25, 1995, (Now U.S. Patent No. 5,832,119), and U.S. Application No. 08/436,102, filed May 8, 1995, (Now U.S. Patent No. 5,748,783). Application No. 09/503,881 is also a continuation in part of application 09/482,749, filed January 13, 2000 (Now abandoned).

Please amend the paragraph at page 4, line 21 thru page 5, line 4 as follows:

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In summary, the present invention can operate on any type of watermarked signal ~~[include]~~ including watermarked images, watermarked audio signals and watermarked video signals. By knowing the characteristics of the watermark (for example that it falls within a certain frequency range) filtering can be used to reduce the portions of the signal that are less likely to contain the watermark signal. The LaPlacian and Signum filters used in the above embodiment of the invention are specific examples of filters that can be used; however, many other types of filters can ~~[b-e]~~ be used in various embodiments of the invention without departing from the ~~[spirit]~~ spirit and scope of the invention.

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Please amend the paragraph at page 5, lines 17-19 as follows:

a3 The entire specification of co-pending application 09/503,881, filed February 14, 2000
(Now U.S. Patent No. 6,614,914), and assigned [to he] to the assignee of the present invention,
is hereby incorporated herein in its entirety by reference.

Please amend the paragraph at page 6, line 1 as follows:

a4 [I] We claim: